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AND RECOMBINANT ANTIGENS FOR
DETECTING TYPE-SPECIFIC
ANTIBODIES TO HERPES SIMPLEX
VIRUS

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DECLARATION OF VALENTIN FIKOVSKY

1. I, Valentin Fikovsky, am employed by the United States of America as Represented by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (hereinafter "the Government"). I started working for the Government in the Technology Transfer Office (TTO) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia as a Senior Patent Advisor on April 15, 2008, and I still hold this position today. A copy of my Curriculum Vitae (CV) is attached.

2. I have more than thirty years of experience in patents, research commercialization and development of businesses through patent licensing. I have expertise in a number of areas, including patent prosecution and oversight of prosecution.

3. Prior to working at the CDC, I held a number of positions of responsibility, including the position of the Director of Patent Prosecution, Biomedical Licensing and Contract Administration at the University of California, from 1983 to 2004. In this position I was a Manager of Patent Prosecution Systemwide. I oversaw the work of multiple attorneys in more than a dozen domestic law firms, and I developed the U.C. patent tracking system, which was the largest academic IP database at the time. In this position, I was responsible for setting up a system at the University of California for payment of maintenance fees through CPA. During

this period, I supervised a Patent Prosecution Manager at the University of California, who worked with individual case managers in providing timely authorization of maintenance fees that were contained in spread sheets provided by CPA.

From 2004 to 2008, I was the Director of Licensing at the University of Nevada at Reno/Desert Research Institute. In this position, I gained additional expertise in the administration of small patent portfolios.

I have been a member of the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) since 1985. I have been a registered patent agent since 1982. I hold several degrees, including a Dipl. Patent Expert, Patent Law from the VMM Engineering Institute, Sofia, Bulgaria and an LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law from Golden Gate Law School, San Francisco, CA.

4. All statements made herein and of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information are believed to be true; and further, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that any such willful false statements made may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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